

# NEWS

## Open Day 27 of July 2021 A Great Family Day Out!

Well what can we say, it was a fantastic first Open Day since the Fort had to close in 2019, because of Covid-19. The site was busy with happy visitors, who were enjoying seeing, not only the progress that has been made with the restoration, but also our many re-enactors, including the Sheppey Pirates, members of the Palmerston Fort Society and many car enthusiasts, who brought their vehicles along for people to look around.



There really was something for everyone, with a Brown Bess musket firing, cavemen interacting with the crowds, and homemade cakes in our pop up cafe. If you missed out on all the fun, don't worry we have another **Open day on Sunday 22nd August 10am - 5pm**. There is an added bonus as we have been carrying out earthworks and have uncovered more interesting areas.



**Come and join us for a family day out!**

## The Fort is looking for New Trustees

With our expanding plans and workloads the Trust is looking to recruit additional Trustees to our management board.

We are looking for people who may have particular skills and experiences that they can bring to the project or will enhance those we already have.

The role of the Trustees is to ensure that the Trust operates within its permitted legal powers and parameters and carries out the objectives as set out in its founding document. The Trustees main purpose is to manage the project strategically, make management decisions and ensure that they are carried through. Due to being a small organisation, our Trustees are also very hands on, running workdays and public events on the Fort.

However, there is a great deal that also goes on behind the scenes that can on occasions be time-consuming such as applying for grants, meeting outside bodies and attending meetings. We hold monthly Trustee meetings usually at the Fort. All Trustees and volunteers are unpaid for their duties to the Trust.

If you feel that this is something you may be interested in or know somebody else who might, please get in touch via [secretary@sloughfort.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sloughfort.org.uk)

Further details of what is expected of a Trustee can be found on the Charity Commission website via the link below:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>

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# GUIDED TOURS

Come and see what we have uncovered in recent works!

Next tours coming up on: **1st of August, 29th of August, 30th of August twice each day at 11 am and 2 pm.** Please turn up 15 mins before the start of the tour.

For tickets visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/slough-fort-preservation-trust](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/slough-fort-preservation-trust)



## The Lion Man Stories of The Fort

Villagers called him the "Lion Man" and the children run away from him for fear that he would... eat them. Hordes of people would come in charabancs and on bicycles to see the Lion Man's animals at weekends and to savour all other delights of the Hoo Peninsula's holiday playground, Allhallows.

The war brought a temporary end to these festivities and closed down the Lion Man's zoo. So he set up home in a little cottage on the main road into the village and waited for peace to return.



He never did start up his zoo again and the villagers stopped calling him the Lion Man - and started calling him "Swifty" - but Allhallows lived on as a holiday playground.



## The Fort within the Park interview with John Coltman General Manager at Allhallows Leisure Park

 Haven

### When did you first visit Slough Fort and what impressed you more about it?

I first visited Slough Fort when I joined the Allhallows resort in 2019. After receiving a tour from a team of enthusiastic volunteers, who are all amazing individuals, I became increasingly interested in how we can further evolve this historic landmark.

### How is it to manage a Park of owners and holiday-makers having a historical tourist attraction in the yard?

Arguably, this has been one of the best career ventures I've been on, I believe there's huge potential in further developing the Slough Fort offering within the holiday experience.

### How you envisage the future collaboration plans with the Fort?

Alongside the plans to landscape the front of the Fort, I'd like to see the Fort as part of the Allhallows resorts' Activity offering, incorporating a variety of events and a multipurpose site.

### What would you recommend for people who are wishing to visit Slough Fort?

Understand the journey the team have been on and ensure you come back the following year to see how far they've come since. The transformation over a period of just a few years has been incredible.



### What is your contribution as General Manager in the promotion of the Fort?

My role is to drive Allhallows to become a flagship destination throughout the Haven group.

This will increase the awareness of Allhallows potential amongst the shareholders and in turn benefit the future visitors to Allhallows.



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